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Distinguished honor

Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) presented former Deputy Fire Chief Robert Pecsényne (left) with a Distinguished Service Award last week. Pecsényne, who retired from the Romulus Fire Department last December, was unable to attend a recognition ceremony until recently. Lambert, Romulus Public Safety Director Charles Kirby and Fire Chief Dave Allison joined many of the employees of the Romulus Fire Department to recognize the man who dedicated more than 40 years of service to the department. The department presented Pecsényne a special award and an antique fire helmet, once of the first ever worn in Romulus, in addition to the plaque shown here.

Police investigate roadway death

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Michigan State Police detectives are investigating an incident that left a woman dead after she was allegedly pushed from a moving vehicle in Romulus on the afternoon of July 22.

Romulus police officers initially arrived at the scene on the eastbound side of I-94 near the I-275 juncture and found 53-year-old Karen Plesa of

Belleville injured on the side of the road. According to Det. Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department, the woman told officers that she was pushed from the passenger's side of a moving van.

Plesa was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment, but succumbed to her injuries shortly thereafter, police said.

Romulus police were able to locate the van near Haggerty

Road, and took the woman's boyfriend into custody. The vehicle was found west of Plesa's body. The investigation was then transferred to the Michigan State Police. They are responsible for investigating crimes on state freeways.

Lt. Moya Hughes of the Michigan State Police-Metro South Post said the suspect, whose name is being withheld by police while the investiga-

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General Motors tax break is stalled

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A proposed tax abatement on \$37 million in improvements to the General Motors Engine Plant fell short Monday because officials need more time to consider the proposal.

The plant, located on Ecorse Road, applied for the 12-year tax break in May. On Monday, GM representatives made a Powerpoint presentation stating their case for the abatement before city council. The break would give the automaker a 50 percent reduction on the taxable value of the improvements during a 12-year period.

City officials said they needed more documentation before they could approve the project.

"There was some verbiage that was missing from the initial contract, so we'll bring them back next week," said Tim Keyes, who filled in for Mayor Alan Lambert. Keyes added that he expected the abatement would be approved on Aug. 1.

At least one resident felt the city should take more time before approving the automaker's request.

"I think we need to look at some things we can get before we go ahead with such a big tax break," said resident Tony Hines. "Maybe we could get some fleet vehicles from them; anything like that before we just approve this."

But Keyes said the city is bound to weigh the benefits and drawbacks of each abatement plan without incentives to avoid

the appearance of impropriety.

"It's illegal to attach anything like that to an abatement request such as this," he said.

GM is asking for the break to ease the burden of increased taxes for machinery and tooling upgrades and to rebuild crankline milling machines so the automaker can build the Gen IV V8 engine at the facility, according to the request. The move is not expected to create jobs, but it will help maintain jobs at the facility.

And, according to Plant Manager Steve Somers, the abatement will improve the city take of tax dollars in the long run.

"Once the improvements are done, it will mean another \$3.2 million in tax dollars for the city," he said. Somers also said he wouldn't predict whether that would be enough to push the abatement through council, but called the city "a good partner for GM."

The abatement will give GM a 50 percent reduction in the assessed tax liability for improvements at the plant. According to state law, tax abatements can be granted only to industrial entities for a period of no longer than 12 years. The city determines the length of the abatement using a points system that assesses the number of years the company has been in the city, the amount of the abatement, the amount of money generated by the expansion and the number of jobs

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City seeks to halt 'blue' outings

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Bawdy footage allegedly taken by a local news station of topless women at one of the premier golf courses in the community may or may not lead to charges against the women – and the establishment – that hosted an "adult" golf outing in June.

Film that police claim was taken at the Gateway Golf Course on Inkster Road, is being examined by Romulus police detectives, who are trying to identify the people involved in the incident, said Det. Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department.

"It's under investigation right now, but it's very difficult because all of this happened a

month ago, and no one called to complain or report that they had seen anything. It's difficult to get all of this information after the fact."

The golf outing was booked by the Toy Chest, a topless bar in Dearborn, Leacher said. The golf club is adjacent to a public elementary school, which drew the ire of city officials during the city council meeting Monday.

"We need to do something – such as pass ordinances – to make sure that we can make these owners accountable for this," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak, a candidate for mayor. "Every time you hear about something like this happening, it's always here, and we

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Saying goodbye

Halecreek Elementary School teachers and students attended a bittersweet retirement part for dedicated employees who are moving on. This year, more than 25 teachers, administrators and support staff will leave the district after enjoying distinguished careers lending their skills and expertise to the next generation. Here, (left to right) teachers Howard Miller, Cathy Kudra, Cheryl Brackney, Nancy O'Connor, Maryann Bush and Candace Walters celebrate with Halecreek Principal Sharon Silveri (fourth from left) before saying goodbye.

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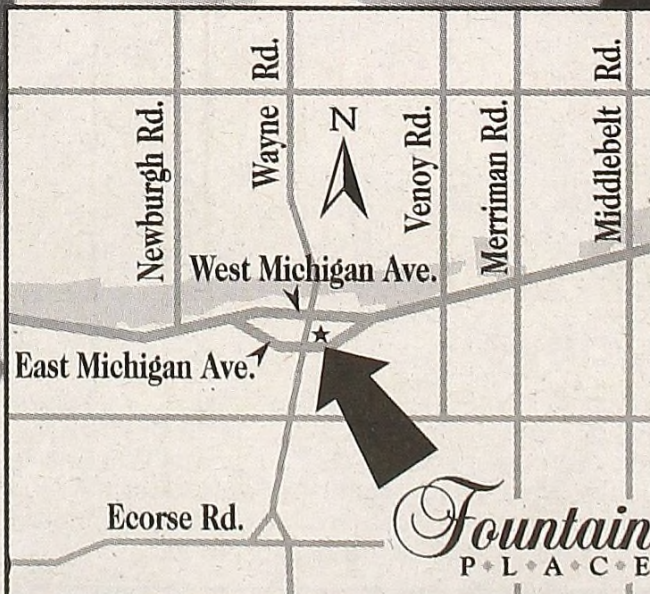
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Resident wants safety improvements in city

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Longtime Romulus resident Ed "Butch" Buczkowski said he has several ideas that he would work to advance as a city councilman if he is elected to one of seven open seats in November.

Buczkowski, who was raised in Romulus but left for a few years when he worked at Ford Motor Co., has a kitchen remodeling business. He said being a local businessman has helped him look at the city through different eyes.

"There are some people here that vote for themselves as opposed to with the people," he said. "A prime example of that was during the casino and racetrack negotiations – the public was overwhelmingly for it, but some of the council members voted against it. I wouldn't do that. They're up there to represent the people."

Buczkowski is a recognizable face for those at Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, where he served as an alternate board member. He said one of his issues would be making sure retention ponds are fenced in for the safety of

children in some new neighborhoods.

"Everyone seems to be more concerned about the cost of passing the fencing onto developers, but what is a child's life worth?" he said. "Tall weeds grow in those things, and a child could get lost and possibly drown. I've taken pictures of retention ponds with fencing as far away as Port Huron, and I think this needs be dealt with. I don't ever want to get up there and say, 'I told you so.'"

Buczkowski also wants to address public safety issues. The fire department, which was made a permanent, full-time department a few years ago, is still understaffed for a city the size of Romulus, he said.

"It's been going OK so far, but there are still quite a few volunteers, and I think we need more full-time (firefighters)," he said. "The level of public safety should be a higher priority."

One thing Buczkowski said sets him apart is that he has created his own business, which means he has to be able to understand people and their needs.

"Sometimes people don't



Ed Buczkowski

mean what they say," he said. "In kitchen remodeling, some people have an idea of what they want, they just can't express it. I think it would be the same as a councilman, and I know how to get to what people want. You have to be able to relate to people."

Buczkowski is the owner of Butch's Kitchen Remodeling on Beverly Road in Romulus. He attended Romulus High School until the 10th grade, when he struck out on his own and earned a job at Ford Motor Co. But years later, Buczkowski decided to apply his construction skills to the remodeling sector. He said he has experience managing people, managing a budget and serving customers.

The father of two sons, Buczkowski spends most of his time with his grandchildren when he's not working or attending public meetings.

Candidate hopes to strengthen ties

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Niema White is hoping the experience she gained as a school board member will help her win a seat on the Romulus City Council.

White, who has served as a school board member for more than two years, was first appointed to the seat after the board president resigned. She was then elected for a full term. Now, she said she has her eyes on something bigger.

"I would like to see more collaborative relationships in the city," she said. "There are areas of the city that are disconnected from the city, and we all have to work together, no matter where we live, how much money we have or what our circumstances are."

Making those partnerships is the cornerstone of her candidacy for a council seat, she said.

"Our city is growing so much," she said. "And that's a good thing. There are older neighborhoods where perhaps the people are poor, and they don't know about city resources or how to use them. I would change all of that so we can all have equal access to services

and the city government."

That means increasing outreach into the community.

"We need to get together in different areas of the city to learn more about what individuals need, because the neighborhoods are different in many ways," she said. Having more town hall meetings, events in public places near specific neighborhoods, and encouraging residents of all income levels to take part in the governmental process would help meet those goals, White said.

Keeping an eye on business development is another goal. "I would like to see more small business – most of our business is industrial. We need more businesses like family restaurants, shops, retail stores, grocery stores – the type of businesses people frequent often."

White is an outreach administrator for Wayne County Head Start.

She said her job has prepared her well for her role as a school board member, and those lessons can be applied to a council role, too.

"Every day I meet people who are at different points in their lives, and I'm able to meet all of them where they're at right



Niema White

now," she said. "I work with people in difficult situations each day, and we work to find solutions to their problems."

Because White is an administrator with Head Start, she is also experienced managing personnel and overseeing a budget similar to that of a municipality.

As a school board member, White completed 30 hours of advanced schools training to learn more about personnel practices, budget management and other issues in the education environment. White also holds a degree in education from Tennessee State University.

Before moving to Romulus with her husband, Anthony, five years ago, White was a lifelong resident of Inkster. She and her husband are the parents of two children who attend Romulus Elementary School.

Restaurant seeks to help shelter initiative

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Another local restaurant is pitching in to help Councilman William Wadsworth collect enough funds to build a new animal shelter.

Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers on Eureka Road and Huron River Drive near I-275 will host the event on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 4-midnight. A car show will also be on hand to help raise money to help stray or abandoned cats and dogs, Wadsworth said.

"I'm amazed that the local businesses are helping us in this way," Wadsworth said. "It's good to see."

Other activities that will help the restaurant raise money for the shelter include a demon-

stration from Westland Fire Extinguishers, but the event is still in the planning stage.

Several restaurants have helped Wadsworth in his efforts to collect money to help build a shelter. Most recently, Captain Nemo's Sub Shop donated a portion of proceeds from one-day sales to the shelter.

Raising money to build a new shelter has become an all-consuming passion for Wadsworth. So far, about \$60,000 has been raised, and about \$300,000 is needed. In-kind offers from several firms for services related to the construction of the shelter have also been offered, Wadsworth said.

For more information about the Blue Sky event, call (734) 341-2583.

GM - New tax hearing next week

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provided. That information is then measured against set time intervals to determine the length of the break.

The engine plant has been in the city for more than 30 years. But GM is the only company under the city formula that can quality for 12 years – much to the ire of some other manufacturers in town. GM also

received a similar abatement in 1998.

The approval of this abatement would be the second granted by the city this year. Aztec Manufacturing, an automotive supplier that creates precision cast iron forgings, was given a six-year abatement for \$3.2 million of facility improvements.

Another hearing on the issue will take place before the regular city council meeting Aug. 1.

Golf - Legal avenues sought out

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need to find out why. This is illegal behavior, and they need to know there are going to be consequences."

But consequences, said Leacher, are difficult to enforce because the laws are somewhat ambiguous.

"We had a situation where the same type of thing happened a few years ago at another club, and we had film (from the media)," he said. "We were never able to prosecute them. We're still looking at this latest incident to see if there is the possibility of getting charges."

Police and prosecutors would have to be able to identify the women to prosecute, which is no small task.

"The bottom line is that it's easier immediately after the fact," he said. "In this case, people called the golf course to complain, but they needed to call us first."

To hold the club accountable, prosecutors would have to prove that managers had direct knowledge of what was happening on the course – something club representatives told television reporters they did not have. Leacher said the club could face state Liquor Control Commission sanctions, such as losing its liquor license for a specific period time, for hosting the event if it proven they had knowledge of the nature of the outing.

Two messages left for Kevin Shaum, the manager of the Gateway Course, were not returned for comment.

Death - Boyfriend released

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tion continues, was released after he was questioned by officers.

"It is still under investigation at this time," she said. "The boyfriend has been released until further investigation occurs."

The lead investigator on the case, State Police Det. John Gora, said investigators are working diligently to find out what happened in the vehicle.

"One of our detectives from another post has questioned the boyfriend," he said. "We're still putting the pieces together."

The Washtenaw County Medical Examiner's Office has conducted an autopsy on Plesa's body. The results of that report will be available in about eight weeks.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Gora at the Michigan State Police-Metro South Post at (734) 287-5000.

State to auction 420-acre site

Scott Spielman
Editor

Officials in Northville Township said they'll keep a curious eye on the proceedings when a large piece of property comes up for auction by the State of Michigan next month.

The 420-acre site of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital has attracted plenty of interest from developers since the state announced it would close the hospital and sell off the land nearly two years ago.

The state has tried several times to sell the land but they have, for one reason or another, been unsuccessful. The latest round fell through when the proposed developer, Real Estate Interests (REI), Inc, did not meet

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the scheduled timeline to close on the property.

That opened the door for the auction, which will take place at the end of August. The state will take written auction bids until Aug. 29, according to Township Supervisor Mark Abbo.

"The five highest bidders will take part in a live auction the next day," he said.

The development company that wins the bid will have to close on the sale within 30 days,

he added.

Since the last attempt to sell the property fell through, township planners have revisited their proposed concept plan for the area in hopes of making the property more attractive to developers while still protecting township interests.

The revised plan, discussed again by the planning commission last week, shows compromises on the amount of retail and commercial space proposed and leaves open the chance for more diver housing stock, from small lots to large estate lots.

The board of trustees will have to formally approve the plan; that will most likely take place at their regular meeting on Aug. 18.

The state has put details into

the latest round of bids to ensure that the successful company can carry out the sale and development. Any firm interested in bidding on it has to submit a certified check for \$4 million.

"That's \$1 million more than last time," said Township Trustee Brad Werner.

State officials have also protected themselves from the possibility of not getting what they think the property is worth, too. The initial asking price was \$65 million, but that dropped by more than \$10 million during the latest round of negotiations.

"(The bid document) doesn't state a minimum bid, but it says that the state has the right to reject all bids," Abbo said. "Obviously they have a figure in mind."

Practice makes perfect... Rotary Club members prepare for 50th chicken barbecue, fall festival

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

One of the major events in Plymouth is about to celebrate a great milestone.

When the Fall Festival returns this September, the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club will host the 50th annual chicken barbecue.

Jan Eisen, chairman of the Rotary Club BBQ committee, said the group wants to build on the 11,000 chicken dinners members grilled last fall. He said the goal this year is 12,500 dinners.

The process to get all those birds grilled is a complicated one.

The grills are put together the night before the actual barbecue takes place. Eisen said it takes about two hours to construct the 120-foot long pits made of cinderblock, charcoal and sand. The huge grill sits in the parking lot behind The Gathering, near the Plymouth District Library.

The Rotary Chicken BBQ has a deep, long history. In some ways it is credited for being the start of one of the major Plymouth events.

In the late 1950s, the Rotary Club of Plymouth started a club picnic. The group served barbecued chicken and corn at the event, planned to help members become better acquainted. The first barbecues were only for members and friends and about 150 people attended. In 1960 the barbecue was turned into the Plymouth Fall Festival.

For more than 30 years the high point of the festival has been chicken Sunday, with as many as

"Not many fundraisers make it 50 years. After a while, people might have seen it, and a group might have to try something else because people get tired of donating to the same cause."

Jan Eisen

16,000 dinners being prepared and served.

The barbecue has provided the Plymouth Rotary Foundation with a steady source of income that has allowed the group to do more for the community, along with raising funds for new playground equipment.

The barbecue provides an annual chance for all members of the club to work together on one project and show the community that they are a part of it.

Eisen said the fact that the event has lasted 50 years is a special one.

"Not many fundraisers make it 50 years," he said. "After a while, people might have seen it, and a group might have to try something else because people get tired of donating to the same cause."

"We're fortunate that we've been able to keep this going for so long."

This year, sale of chicken dinners will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until sold out. The cost for a taste of tradition is \$9 before the sale, and \$10 the day of the sale.

Show to honor Canton man

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is accepting entries for the August art exhibit, "Landscapes & Vistas."

This year, the show is in honor of Canton Township artist Connie Lucas.

It is non-juried and open to the

first 40 artists submitting framed two-dimensional work depicting scenes landscapes or vistas.

The exhibit will be open to the public from Aug. 2-29.

To request an entry form, or for more information, call 734-416-4278.



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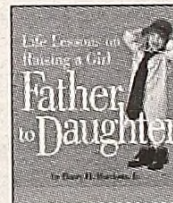
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You've got mail

Local man sends donated, restored computers to servicemen overseas

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

All James Payne wanted to do was keep the computer in his Northville dental office from crashing.

Now, five years later, hundreds of American soldiers stationed in Iraq are able to stay in touch with their families and friends on donated computers Payne has refurbished.

"I bought a computer for the office, and every Tuesday and Thursday, at 5 o'clock it went face down—you could set your watch by it," said Payne.

Computer repair technicians became a constant sight at his dental clinic, but they couldn't resolve the problem. Finally, Payne bought a book on computer repair and decided to see what he could do. He fixed it in about a week.

With that, he was hooked. The full time dentist continued to study computer repair, culminating an 18-month internship as computer repair technician. People began to bring him their old computers, which he repaired and donated to people in need—from schools to individuals with serious medical or physical challenges.

"You get such a positive

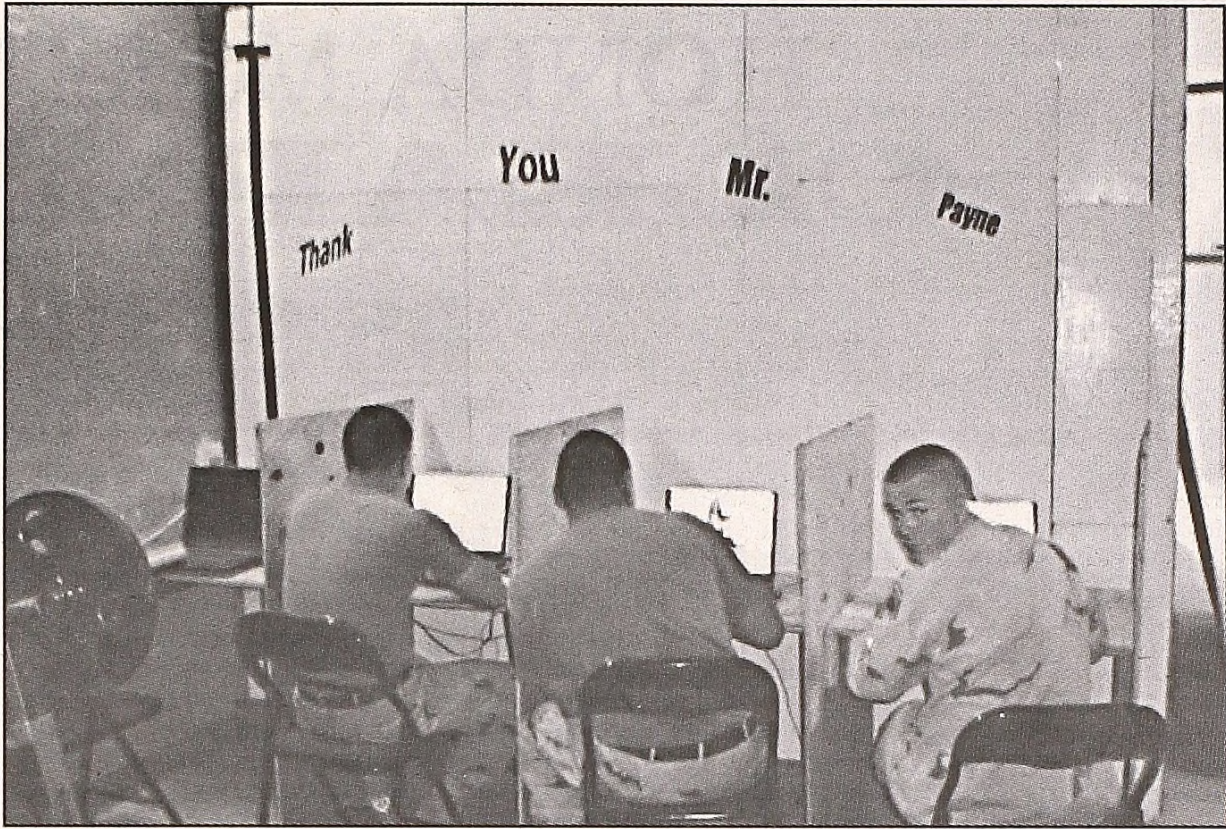
response from those people—it's kind of hard to stop," he said. "It's addictive."

So, in 2003, Payne and two of his friends—Drake Davis and Scott Montgomery—decided to take the next step when they registered as a non-profit organization, JDS Computers. The organization now has more than a dozen regular members, from other repair specialists to teams who pick up and drop off donated computers.

"Since we actually started, we have rebuilt and donated 1,623 computers," said Payne. "We've taken in over 5,000 and we've gotten 1,600 workable ones out of that. We've done all of this out of my basement and my garage—\$1.1 million worth of stuff."

Recently, though, Payne said that their focus has changed somewhat as the group strives to pull together workable laptop computers for military personnel stationed in Iraq. The move was prompted primarily, he said, by reports of soldiers forced to wait weeks before letters from home could reach them. The group has shipped 154 computers overseas since Jan. 1, 2005.

For now, though, the soldiers are out of luck—the group has nothing more to send them. Part of the problem, Payne said, is that the types of computers they can



Throughout Iraq, American troops are able to stay in contact with loved ones back home thanks to computers refurbished and donated by Northville dentist Jim Payne. Soldiers who gain Internet access through the donated computers—such as these—often take time out from their duties to send a thank you note. But for Payne, a picture is worth a thousand words.

use are fairly restricted. For schools, they need to have Pentium III computers—no older and no newer—or they can't use the Microsoft Fresh Start program they need to complete the refurbishment.

"The ones that we're shipping to Iraq are Pentium II and Pentium III laptops," said Payne. "They're harder to come by."

The hardest part, he said, is turning people away. His inbox is crowded with thank you emails from enlisted men and women, including a two-star general. One

email even provided a photo that Payne truly enjoys—it shows some of his computers in use in a computer lab located in the heart of a palace once owned by Saddam Hussein.

Among the soldiers who have contacted him is Pvt. First Class Michael Santillanez.

"Until recently I had limited use of computers at my location, as I don't own a laptop," wrote Santillanez on July 22. "Soldiers in the present military have the ability to communicate with family and friends on a daily basis. It is a

huge motivation to have that advantage. Receiving a letter in the mail is wonderful, but seeing your loved ones in real time is a blessing. You gift is a great reflection of America supporting it soldiers in all we do."

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Police Briefs

Gas station robbers await court date

The Marathon gas station, located at Belleville Road and the I-94 Service Drive, was robbed of more than 40 different brands of cigarettes last week.

According to Sgt. Greg Laurain of the Van Buren Police Department, officers were dispatched to the gas station at 2:28 a.m. on July 21. When they arrived, officers saw the front door of the gas station smashed. Officers checked the store for stolen items and notified the Michigan State Police. The state police reported that two male suspects from Detroit were found with stolen cigarettes after a routine traffic stop was made. One of the suspects confessed that the trash bag full of cigarettes was stolen from the Marathon gas station.

Laurain said both suspects were transported to the Van Buren police station where they were questioned and later charged with a breaking and entry, larceny from building with intent and a habitual.

Both suspects have been arraigned and are awaiting their court date.

If at first you don't succeed...

The Van Buren Township Public Safety Department received a call last week from a man reporting that his stepdaughter's Ford Escort had been stolen from the Wal-Mart parking lot.

At 1:30 p.m. on July 21, the man saw the suspect approach the vehicle, break into it, start it up and drive off. The suspect then ran over a curb, blew-out one of the tires and was unable to drive away, so he took off on foot, according to Det. Marc Abdilla.

The suspect, a 17-year-old black male from Ypsilanti, left the vehicle on the I-94 Service Drive and headed for the Diamond Back Saloon. He then attempted to steal another vehicle, but was spotted by an officer and taken into custody. The suspect later confessed to the first stolen vehicle.

The suspect awaits arrangement.

Barricaded gunman surrenders, loses weapon and drugs

The Belleville Police Department confiscated a weapon and narcotics recently

from a barricaded gunman on the 300 block of West Columbia Street.

According to Police Chief Gene Taylor, the incident began with a domestic dispute between the 30-year-old resident and his girlfriend on July 4.

Police reported the man began the fight at 11:30 p.m., at which point he threatened to kill himself. The man eventually surrendered and came out of the house at about 4 a.m. and was taken into police custody.

Taylor said a small handgun and narcotics were also found in the home and removed as well.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, from 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

PROPOSITION -P

"To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006."

Each person voting on the above must be:

(a) A citizen of the United States of America.

(h) A registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.

(c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
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18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of May 25, 2005 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable.

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653a of the Michigan Elections Law.

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Educational Service Agency	November 8, 1988 August 6, 2002	1 mill 1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely 2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2002	0.25	2005
Wayne County Community College	November 3, 1998 November 6, 2001	1 mill 1.5 mills	2002 Indefinitely 2005 thru 2010
Romulus School District	September, 1999 September, 1999	18 mills 16.63 mills	2005 thru 2011 (non homest) 2005 thru 2013 (non homest)
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	June, 1995 February, 2003	18 mills 1 mill	2005 thru 2009 (non homest) 2005 thru 2012
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District	September, 1995 September, 1997	18 mills 1 mill	2005 (non homest) 2005 thru 2006

Signed:
RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City

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CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 05106-03
2005/2006 SEASON - BULK ROAD SALT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Tuesday, August 02, 2005, At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 05/06-03 - 2005/2006 SEASON - BULK ROAD SALT
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-038-99-0049-702, also known as 7981 Belleville Road. This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road, between Robson Road and Ecorse Road.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant, Van Buren Township DDA, is requesting a 5 foot height variance to permit construction of a Fire Station with a total height of 35 feet.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE XVII SECTION 17.02 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS,
BUILDING HEIGHT, R-1B, Single Family Residential

- 30 foot building height allowed
- A 35 foot building height is proposed
- 5 foot building height variance is required

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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OPINION

A colorful solution

You have to tip your hat to officials in Canton Township for their continued efforts to solve the Ford Road problem.

For years they have grappled with the excessive traffic along the state roadway even as they sought to develop an identity for it other than a stretch of street that most residents avoid as much as possible.

Their latest attempt, presented this week in a joint meeting to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board, the township planning commission and the board of trustees, involves increased decorative signage, a nickname for the congested thoroughfare and dividing it into districts distinguished by colors and numbers.

Thus, the corner of Haggerty and Ford roads would be designated 'Blue One.' That's where the IKEA furniture store will open next year. Other districts would be designated and identified by colored banners that would hang from the decorative street posts.

It's certainly a new way of looking at things, but will it work?

In some ways, it might. It could give the thousands of visitors expected to shop at the IKEA store a better idea of what else is further down the road. Maybe a color-coded district is easier to find than a particular address, or at least will help tourists know when to start looking for their destination. Others might be turned off by the concept.

It will certainly provide a bigger benefit for those visiting the township than those who already live there, though. Those residents know to find more businesses, they simply need to travel west along Ford Road. And it won't solve the real problem along Ford, either – business owners that say drivers travel too fast along the road, which contributes to a lack of visibility, and motorists who complain about the ill-timed lights and frequent starts and stops.

With IKEA coming to town next year, and a Lowe's Home Improvement being constructed further to the west, the traffic is the real problem, no matter how you color it.

Millage should be approved

One of the things – and in many cases, the only thing – voters will decide when they head to the polls on Tuesday is the fate of the Wayne County Parks Millage.

Voters will be asked if the county can continue this millage, at its estimated rollback rate of .2459 mills, for the next five years. It will generate about \$11.8 million for parks in Wayne County in 2006, alone.

Although initially skeptical about the renewal and not in favor of a concept that takes money from everyone and returns it to some communities, some changes have taken place that merit a second look at this proposal.

Most notably, in response to legislation sponsored by State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), the county has agreed to create a new process to determine how the funds will be spent. The compromise sets up a five-person review board that makes recommendations to the Wayne County Commission, which has the ultimate authority on the issue. The funds would also be limited to existing parks and related facilities, not the creation of new ones.

We were initially opposed to the millage renewal, but these changes are a good step to make for a more viable tax request. They're not set in stone yet, and that causes some concern, but as long as the county follows through with their promise to enact these changes in August, we think the millage renewal is worthy of an affirmative vote.

It's a county parks millage, we recognize that the funds are designed to help out Wayne County parks. No one can argue that those funds haven't brought significant improvements, most notably in

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Time is on their side

I'm often frustrated with recent development trends.

There's the notion out there that, not only do developers have to cram every piece of available property with as many homes or as much square footage as possible, but they have to do it as quickly as possible, too.

But I guess you can't call the proposed development near Palmer and Merriman roads in Westland a quick project, by any means. Near the current Oakwood Health Systems hospital, the 27-acre parcel of land has been empty since the hospital razed an old structure several years ago.

I sat through a study session Monday night about the proposed plan – it was the kind of meeting that developers sometimes request to get an idea if their projects will be approved before they sink too much money into the planning phase. Like members of the city council, I saw some good points and some bad points. The single family homes (there are about 50 proposed for the southern 2/3 of the site) looked OK, although they were big on house and small on yard like most other proposals these days.

The condominium portion proposed for the top third of the property even had some amenities not seen in projects that try to make up in density what they lack in area. They're designed with identical fronts and backs so that neither side presented a wall of brick or vinyl to passersby. That'd be a nicer touch, though, if the project itself looked better.

The developers told a familiar tale, too. It's such an expensive property to develop the density was required to make the nicer, single family portion

possible. They talked about a need for entry-level housing and I guess that's how you classify a new, \$130,000 home in Westland today.

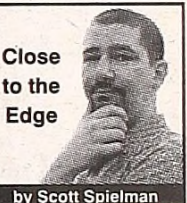
Because of the possible contamination on the site – and the cost of clean up – they will also most likely ask for designation as a Brownfield Redevelopment site, which would allow the developer to pay up front costs to clean up the site and be repaid through the future tax revenue the property brings to the city.

Brownfield Districts are a useful tool for developers, but I don't think it's warranted here. I've always looked at the tool as a way of getting rid of properties that may be dangerous to nearby residents and that wouldn't otherwise get cleaned up. It shouldn't be designed to ensure that everyone involves makes more money.

This property will eventually be developed, anyway. Vacant land is dwindling throughout Wayne County. Representatives from the developers, themselves, indicated that the only reason they'd need a tax break is because the price of the land was so high. They were half-joking when they said it, but there's probably a good bit of truth to that.

No problem. Wait for the price to come down. If Oakwood really wants to sell the land, and no offers come in at the current price, won't the cost eventually come down?

I don't see the downside for Westland residents if developers wait until the land is more affordable before they try to cram it with new homes. I don't think an empty field is too bad to look at in the meantime, either.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Where is the real undue influence?

There's no question that former Inkster athletic director and head girls' varsity basketball coach Dave Mann has had a bumpy career. But it has been just as productive as it has been controversial.

His resume is impressive—304 victories to 95 losses between 1989 and 2004 with four state championship crowns. But the 44-year-old's career at Inkster was cut short when John 'Jack' Roberts, the executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), and the organization executive board judged Mann guilty of violating their undue influence rule when he allegedly made a phone call to the father of a Romulus ninth-grade girls' basketball player in an attempt to recruit her.

Mann feels he never had a fair chance to tell his side of the story to the MHSAA or the press. So during the past four weeks, *The Journal Newspapers* have used countless hours and more than 200 inches of editorial space for him to tell it.

Granted it was no picnic searching through the hundreds of documents he provided, wading through all of the gray areas of varying shades and hitting dead end after dead end trying to contact anyone named in the investigation(s), but it was important that his side be told.

However, the only two people that know what really happened are Mann and Romulus' Joe Brown, the father of the ninth-grade basketball player who Mann allegedly called. Probing journalists tend to act prematurely on certain things before the full story is revealed don't help matters much.

And when the MHSAA appears to initiate investigations based on those articles, it makes you wonder who's really committing undue influence.

Is it a power-hungry organization with predetermined notions pressuring high schools into making



From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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Letters

Yes vote urged by resident

To the editor:

I am hoping you will help me encourage your readers, our voters, to get out and vote on Tuesday, Aug. 2, or get an absentee ballot. The issue most concerning Plymouth Township is the two-part vote for the safety millage. This millage can only be used for fire and police. A portion of the millage is a renewal and the other portion is the amount we lost with the Headlee Amendment. Plymouth Township being a built-out community, does not have the additional funds anymore. When we had a lot of new construction, the community was able to make up the Headlee loss and the cut in state revenue sharing with the

additional taxes from the new construction.

Our police and fire departments are one of the finest in the area. We have a police department of 31 dedicated officers and 27 dedicated firefighters, for a community of our size and the influx of workers each day, we are below the average for our population. Comparing our population and employment centers to Livonia, we are doing a great job with less staffing. The increase will not even put a dent into the average household budget through your Homestead Property Taxes in Plymouth, less than \$100 a year which is \$8.33 a month or 27 cents a day.

Please vote yes twice on Aug. 2.
Beverly Stanton,
Plymouth

Official praises police

To the editor:

I would like to thank Belleville Police Chief Taylor, Sumpter Police Chief Turner, Retired Police Chief Brown, Sumpter Township Supervisor Vawters and Trustee Peggy Morgan for the very emotional tribute to Sumpter Patrolman Roy Graham. Officer Graham died in the line of duty 20 years ago. All Sumpter Township and City of Belleville residents should be proud. Their police departments represented them well.

Craig Moody,
Deputy Supervisor, Sumpter
Township

Gray

FROM PAGE 8

rash decisions? Or, is it the fast-paced media that pressures the MHSAA into investigating simple, un-newsworthy incidents that have been blown out of proportion (incidentally by the news article)?

Who has the most power to influence? That's the question.

The media has had their say, the MHSAA theirs and Mann his. But the only person that can set the record straight is Brown.

Where have you gone Joe Brown? Did Dave Mann really try to recruit your daughter? Who called who? What really happened?

Those are the only questions that need answering in order to

clear up this incident. Shortly after an article by a *Detroit Free Press* sports writer and columnist hit the streets, Brown wouldn't talk to anyone about the phone conversation—a phone conversation that eventually lost Mann his job and has him looking for a school that hasn't been influenced by the whole ordeal regardless of where they heard it.

This gives a new meaning to the UPS slogan "What can Brown do for you?" Set things straight, perhaps?

All Mann wants to do is coach again—the one thing he said he "was put here to do." But he needs the slate wiped clean in order to have that chance and Brown is the eraser. He just needs to step up.

There was a time not too long ago when the media was the

watch dog sitting guard for the public, making sure the little guy wasn't being misused by the bigger public corporations and organizations.

It doesn't make sense to see the press tearing at Mann's pant leg while the MHSAA beats him down, especially when there's more evidence than not to at least give him the benefit of the doubt.

In the end, unfortunately, no matter how you look at it the situation remains gray; the MHSAA rules and interpretations—gray; the media take on and their hand in the ordeal—gray; and Dave Mann's actions, past and present—gray.

That is until Brown steps up. Then maybe we'll all see a little more clearly.

Parks

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Hines Park, which is used by the majority of communities in western Wayne County. We like the fact, though, that communities without Wayne County parks in them have a better chance to receive funds, and a more clear way for those funds to be distributed. It's also noteworthy that the proposed changes cap the amount of funds

given to municipalities so that enough money is left in the fund balance to pay for the things the millage was initially proposed for: county park improvements and maintenance. That's something that LaJoy's bill would not have necessarily accomplished.

But LaJoy himself has said that the bill was designed primarily to spur county officials to action and get some kind of

clear formula for funding in place. In that he was apparently successful. Voters should take the next step and approve the renewal on Tuesday.

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Big top Belleville Chamber brings back Kelly Miller Circus Aug. 14

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The circus is coming to town and this year the event promises to be more exciting than ever with new acts, entertainers and animals to amaze and amuse people of all ages, according to Janet Millard, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's just a really nice event for the whole family," she said.

The Kelly Miller Circus will roll into Belleville on Aug. 14 for performances at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. behind Belleville High School, located at 501 W. Columbia St.

The circus is a down-home, small, intimate event that's good for the whole family.

Randy Brown

"Sunday is a perfect family time for a circus so we hope the event will turn out nicely for them," said Millard.

The traditional "old style" circus, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, will include an assortment of animals, like the giant elephants who will help to raise the "big top," jugglers, clowns, trapeze acts and of course, the ringmaster of the

show.

Millard said everyone is invited at 7:30 a.m. prior to the show to watch the animals being unloaded, fed and raise the tent. Free-guided tours will also be given.

"The huge creatures are so fascinating to watch that many people have spent the entire day enjoying their antics," she said. "You can observe the ele-

phants as they play their games together in their elephant pen."

This will be the third time for the Kelly Miller Circus to return to the Belleville area, according to Randy Brown, member of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"They came around here looking for a place to land so we did it," he said. "The elephants and the trapeze acts will be the best part of the show."

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years old. They can be purchased at the chamber office, located at 248 Main St. and Stoney Creek Motor Sports, located at 574 W. Columbia St.

Prices will increase on the day of the circus to \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Children under the age of 2 will get in free.

All advance tickets must be purchased by noon on Aug. 13.

For more information or to purchase tickets by mail, contact the chamber at 734-697-7151.

"The circus is a down-home, small, intimate event that's good for the whole family," said Brown. "It's not expensive and most important it's fun for everyone. I've enjoyed it in the past so I know it's not just for the young people, but older people too."

Local students excell at 9th Annual Kids Triathlon event

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The ninth annual Summer Kid's Triathlon went out in leaps, jumps and strides last week thanks to the overwhelming number of participants, event sponsors and the City of Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission.

The event took place at Belleville High School, bringing together children of Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township, parents, fans and community volunteers, to show support as the participants threw, jumped and ran their way to an award. Each division—ages 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-18—competed in a long jump, shot put and run division.

Jim Powers, event coordinator and member of the parks and recreation commission, said that everyone who attended—parents, grandparents, family and friends—had a great time, which is what the event is all about.

"It was absolutely excellent," he said. "There was so much enthusiasm and without everyone, we couldn't have done it. It's hard to believe we've been at it for nine years now."

More than 50 children participated this year, Powers said.

"When you're out there and watching the concentration on these kid's faces it's a great feeling to see them giving it their best," said Powers. "We get more enjoyment putting the event on than the kids do, but they still love it. That's why we do this because it's fun. I couldn't ask for a better turnout or group of people, which is why we do it every year."

Multiple event winners included: Jonathon Damon, Jaden Robbins, Matthew Patton, Mason

It was absolutely excellent
Jim Powers

Robbins, Antony Santaury, Cole Fleming, Brenden Rice, Tyler Robbins, Brendan Papin, Hunter Muckel, Bridget Cole, Dante Walker, Samantha Cole and Blake Morgan.

Other winners included: Autumn Simmons, Devon Vail, Zachary Bonfiorino, Jay Robbins, Arianne Simmons, Hunter Cole, Scott Fleming, Michael Morri, Alan Stoelton and Jay Robbins.

Each contestant received a participation button and ribbon along with ice cream provided by Cool Cone in Belleville. First through third place winners received a medal.

Overall, Powers said everyone enjoyed the summer evening together.

"The kids thanked us, but really I have to thank them for coming out," he said.

He also added a special thanks to everyone who helped make the event possible—the Van Buren Public Schools; Belleville, Sumpter Township and Huron Township police departments; the airport authority and all the other volunteers.

"They really make the event a success," said Powers.

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SPORTS

No worries Whalers to prosper despite NHL agreement

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The National Hockey League is back in business.

Last week players and owners ratified the proposed six-year working agreement that set a new season in motion after a year-long strike.

The deal, which includes a salary cap set at about \$39 million, could send hundreds of top free agents skating to other teams. And new rules such as widening the blue lines, allowing two-line passes and shrinking goalie pads could promise a more exciting game. But what will that do to smaller leagues that prospered last year when the big boys took a break?

Hopefully nothing, according to officials in the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers.

"I don't think it will have an impact on us," said Mike Vellucci, the Whalers president, general manager and head coach. "We had a great schedule last year and our attendance has been growing the past five years, every year."

While the Whalers (30-29-6-3) didn't set many records on the ice last season, they set plenty off of it. They set a single-season attendance record during the 2004-05 season, averaging 3,300 fans per game at the Compuware Sports Arena with 12 sellouts through 34 regular season and two playoff

dates.

Although it doesn't appear that attendance will have an effect on the Whalers, the NHL Entry Draft set for July 30 just might.

A handful of Plymouth's veterans, rookies and newcomers have an opportunity to be selected on draft day. Even if picked they aren't guaranteed a trip to the big leagues just yet. However, they will be one step closer to their dream of playing in the NHL.

And that could be an advantage for the Whalers. If drafted, players will have to work even harder to make it to the next level and sign the coveted and lucrative NHL contract.

Players like James Neal, who accrued 44 points last season with 18 goals and 26 assists and 32 penalty minutes in 67 games last year, is ranked 49th according to the International Scouting Service (ISS) Draft Guide and 20th in the 2005 Midterm Central Scouting Service (CSS) rankings for North American players.

The ISS guide reported the Neal has a "solid skill set and has made huge improvements over the past 12 months. (Neal) can really shoot the puck and has a lot of upside as a prospect."

"Simply put, James Neal is one of the most unheralded two-way forwards available," the report added. "It will take a while, but when Neal becomes an NHLer,

he will become a very good one."

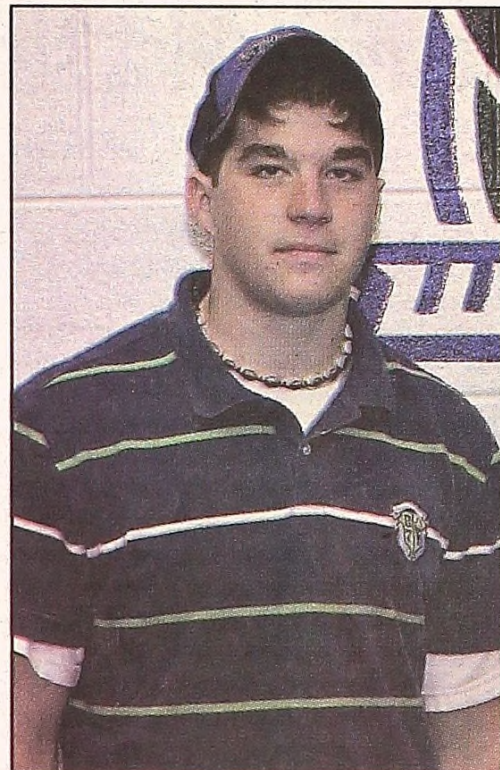
Second-year player Dan Collins is slated at the 101st spot on the ISS and 23rd in the CSS for North American skaters. The right winger posted solid numbers last season with 25 goals and 21 assists for 46 points and 60 penalty minutes in 68 games.

He was the fourth on the board for Plymouth's point leaders and only one of three players to score more than 20 goals. He was also one of the few that played in all 68 games for the Whalers.

The ISS report said this: "Collins has been maddening to watch over the past years because he has so much potential but hasn't put it all together. He has nevertheless improved his play away from the puck and his skill set makes him an intriguing prospect."

Another second-year player, defenseman Ryan McGinnis, is ranked 221st according to the ISS. After suffering through injuries in his rookie season, he rebounded with a solid sophomore run with six assists with 93 penalty minutes in 66 games.

Newly acquired defenseman Kyle Lawson will also hit the draft board ranked 191st by the ISS. Plymouth picked Lawson up on a trade with Saginaw for goaltender Ian Keresich. He played for the National Team Development program last season in Ann Arbor, scoring three goals with 15 assists for 18 points in 31



The Whalers recently signed 16-year-old center Chris Terry, their second-round draft pick (29th overall) last week. Photo by Walt Dmoch courtesy of Plymouth Whalers.

games. He helped the United States to a gold medal in the World Under-18 Championships.

Ondrej Otcenas, the Whalers' first-round (25th overall) pick in the Canadian Hockey League Import Draft last month, could also be drafted at the end of the month. He is ranked 70th by ISS. He scored 11 goals with 22 assists and 66 penalty minutes in 45 games with HK Dukla Trenchen in Slovakia last season.

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SPORTS

Meteyer, Mustang girls soccer receive post season honors

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the Lady Mustang soccer team didn't repeat as state champions this year, the post-season honors keep coming.

Ron Meteyer, the team's head coach, was close to another huge victory earlier this month when he was the runner up for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year award.

"It was an honor to just be there," he said. "This made for one of the most memorable years. It's right up there with winning the state championship last year."

Meteyer, who'd rather talk about anything else but his accomplishments—including the severely slipped disc in his back that kept him in pain for the duration of the four-day national coaches conference in

Florida—has been teaching for 35 years and coaching soccer, be it high school or club, boys or girls, at Northville or Farmington for about 30 years.

He led the Lady Mustangs to a Class A State Championship last year and conference and district championships this year before rival Novi knocked the team out in the regional championship game.

Before heading to the sunshine state, Meteyer wrapped up three other accolades, too, including the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association (MHSSCA) and a Great Lakes Regional Coach of the Year honors.

"I never new a lot of these awards existed," Meteyer said. "I knew I was paying the dues to the organization but...I guess it's paying off."

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Northville's girls' soccer head coach Ron Meteyer was a runner up to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year award presented in Florida earlier this month.

Whalers

FROM PAGE 11

Current Whalers already drafted include Vaclav Meidl (3rd round, Nashville in 2004) and Gino Pisellini (5th round, Philadelphia, 2004).

Whalers sign second round pick Chris Terry

The Whalers continue to be on top of things during their busy off-season. They signed their 2005 second-round OHL draft pick

(29th overall) 16-year-old center Chris Terry.

Terry comes with the reputation of a scorer who plays with an edge. He showed those traits during the Whalers' Rookie Orientation in May.

Terry played for the Markham Islanders minor midgets of the Greater Toronto Hockey League and scored 47 goals with 57 assists and 115 penalty minutes in 68 games.

"Terry plays a lot like Cory Tanaka," said Jim Debenham, Plymouth's head scout, at the

time Terry was drafted. "He competes, hard. He's got good hands and (in time) he'll be hated by the rest of the league."

His signing comes a week after Plymouth signed right-wing/center Jared Boll and an earlier signing of fourth-round pick Jeremy Smith, a goaltender out of Brownstown, MI who posted a 2.44 goals against average and three shutouts in 39 games last season for the Belle Tire minor midgets.

Other Whale bites

The NHL's Carolina Hurri-

canes hired Greg Stefan, Whalers' former Director of Player Personnel, Assistant coach and former Detroit Red Wing goalie, as a professional scout and goaltender coach.

The Whalers hired Terry McDonnell as the team's new Director of Personnel. McDonnell spent the past six seasons as a scout with Carolina, concentrating on the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, the Ontario Hockey League and college hockey in the United States.

McDonnell will concentrate

primarily on scouting for the Whalers.

The Whalers also hired Jason Varlesi as the team's new sales and marketing coordinator. Varlesi is a native Detroit who played hockey for Dearborn Divine Child before moving on to Henry Ford Community College and Western Michigan University, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. Before joining the Whalers he worked for the OHL's Erie Otters and the Erie Seawolves of the AA Eastern League.

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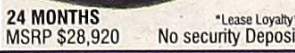
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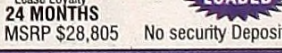


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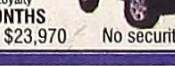


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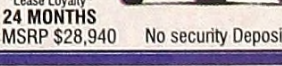


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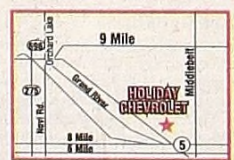


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SPORTS



Northville's sophomore forward Danielle Toney was chosen to the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's Dream Team.

Soccer - Northville's Toney receives Dream Team honors

FROM PAGE 12

Meteyer said he still has a couple more good years of coaching left in him. Next year he and the team should be battling it out again for the state championship.

He also said he may have had a better chance to win the top spot in Florida if knew he could have added all of his runner-up and state finals appearances. That's what the winner did.

"This has been a learning experience for me," he said. "Maybe next year I'll do that."

The coach hasn't been the only one to receive post-season recognition.

Sophomore forward Danielle Toney was named to the MHSSCA Dream Team earlier this month, as well. Over the next couple of years the speedy scoring phenom will battle for the coveted Miss Soccer crown, given to the most talented

player.

Her biggest competition could be Novi's sophomore midfielder Emily Eabrook, who also made the dream team. Novi's senior forward Kristi Timar won the honors this year.

Toney was also named to the All-State first team.

Northville junior forward Lauren Hill made the All-State second team and senior midfielder was named to the All-State third team.

Other area players received All-State honors, too. Canton's senior defender Andrea Johnson was placed All-State first team while teammate Brittany Cervi, a senior goaltender, made it on the second team.

Plymouth Salem had two senior defenders, Megan McCarthy and Kathryn Wheatley, who were named to the All-State second team while teammate Amy Gizicki received an honorable mention nod.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF ELECTION – AUGUST 2, 2005

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Special Election will be held TUESDAY, August 2, 2005.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.
Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd

Ballot Language:
Proposition P

PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

"To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increase levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006.

YES
NO

Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

The County Treasurer's Statement:

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of May 25, 2005 the total of all voted increases in excess of the of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affection the taxable property of Wayne County:

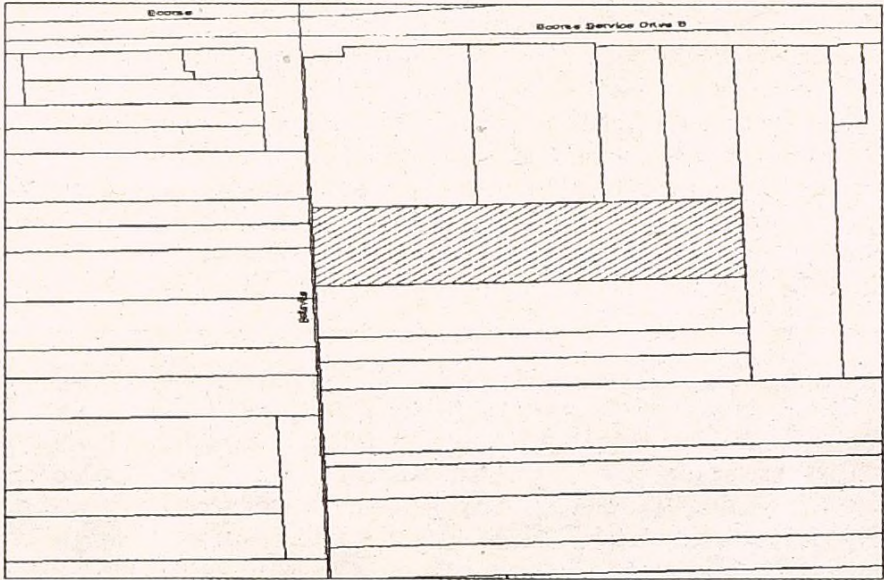
Wayne County Michigan Van Buren Township			
Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Education	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	2005
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mill	2005 thru 2010
Charter Township of Van Buren	August 7, 1990	6 mills	2010
	May 6, 2003	3 mill	2008
Lincoln Consolidated	June 1994	18 mills	2005 thru 2013 (non homestead)
School District	June 2003	2 mills	2005 thru 2013
Van Buren Public School District	October, 2001	18 mills	2005 thru 2006 (non homestead)
	June, 1998	1.3 mills	2005 thru 2015

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 2, 2005 Election is Saturday, July 30, 2005 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: July 21, 2005
July 28, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 07-19-05
PROPOSED REZONING MAP



First Reading of Ordinance 07-19-05, Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, 08-16-05 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 07-19-05

To rezone parcel number: V-125-83-038-99-0042-000 from R-1B SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL to C-1 GENERAL.

Legal Description of Property:

Parcel number V-125-83-038-99-0042-000, 3.6 acres located on the east side of Belleville Road between Ecorse and Robson Roads.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2005.

Yeas: King, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Payne.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 07-19-05 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Publish: July 28, 2005

SPORTS

Inkster Raiders preach 'Family before football'

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With a new look, a new board and a new attitude the Inkster Youth Athletic Association's (IYAA) Raider football and cheer program is set to get under way next month.

Pastor Leon Crawford, an Inkster resident and the newly elected president of the IYAA, is excited about the program this year and the message he says the association is sending out to the community.

"We trying to make it more of a family atmosphere," he said. "We're preaching 'family before football' where we want to involve the parents and families more. And when families come to the games we want it to be a fun picnic atmosphere."

The Inkster Raiders program consists of five gridiron squads

between the ages of 7 and 15 while the cheer program offers three teams.

The IYAA is still looking for more players and cheerleaders to fill up the teams. Prospective players will have a chance to register from noon to 5 p.m. this Saturday, July 30 at Lemoyne Field in Inkster.

The cost is \$100 per player for 10-15 year olds and \$35 for the Mighty Might players ages 7-9. Players must bring birth certificate and a report card from the prior school year.

The Raiders are a part of the nationally recognized Pop Warner Football League where academics are taken seriously. Crawford said a player is not allowed on the field if they have under a 2.0 grade point average. And if a player or cheerleader has low grades they must supply their coaches with progress

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reports in order to participate.

"We take it seriously," Crawford said. "Kids can come early and work on homework primarily with their coaches so they can keep close track."

Practices start on Mon., Aug. 1, where players can also register. The regular season will consist of eight games—four at home at four on the road.

The season opener is at home at Robichaud Field on Sat., Sept. 3.

At the end of every sports season there has to be a prize. The Raiders will have their sights set on the Pop Warner Super Bowl along with the Cheer & Dance Championships scheduled for December 4-10 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

First they must win their division, which consists of teams like the Northwest Lions, Knights, Cardinals, Hurricanes and Bulldogs all out of Detroit as well as the Oak Park Trojans, Southfield Ravens and Ypsilanti Panthers.

Then they have to win the regional tournament before heading to Florida.

Before they can shake hands with Mickey Mouse the IYAA board still has to raise some money just to help the program prosper and are looking for donations. They are also still

looking for volunteers and team moms to represent each team. Moms will make sure that the kids have everything they need—water when it's hot and hats and gloves when it's cold, etc.

There are volunteer meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Red Carpet Keim on Inkster Road.

"It's a lot of hard work but worth it," Crawford said of all the work to get the season going. "We're trying to do something new and fresh while providing the best for the children."

And once the season kicks off He promises it to be fun for all.

"This year it's going to be a high-flying fun football family experience on Saturdays," Crawford said. "It's going to be really fun this year."

For more information or to register or make a donation contact Crawford at (734) 765-4365.



Fitness fun!

More than 700 boys and girls, ages 7-14, competed in the finals of the 48th Annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet held at Lower Huron Metropark near Belleville last Thursday. Youngsters from 18 communities, including Inkster (pictured), were represented in the finals sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, and by a consortium of parks and recreation organizations: Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Southwest Metropolitan Recreation Executive Group, North East Recreation and Park Association, North West Park and Recreation Association and Oakland Parks and Recreation. The young athletes, divided into four class/age groups, participated in the 50-yard, 60-yard and the 75-yard dashes; softball throw; standing broad jump; agility run; shuttle relay; and chinning. Over 100 awards were presented to the first three winners in each event.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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- BID 05/06-06 Demolition List 05-01
- BID 05/05-07 Fire Hydrants
- BID 05/06-08 Electrical Maintenance
- BID 05/06-09 2005 5 Yard -Single Axle Dump Truck

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s,

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- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, August 18, 2005. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

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11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174**

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

Publish: July 28, 2005

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE TO ELECTORS Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the Special Election to be held Tuesday, August 2, 2005, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111. Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, July 30, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof.

"LATE" ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be accepted from any registered elector between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the day before the election, Monday, August 1, 2005 if the voter shall personally appear at the Clerk's office. Said ballot may not be taken out of the Clerk's office but must be voted immediately.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector prior to 4:00 p.m. on Election Day if he/she shall become physically disabled or shall be absent from the City of Romulus because of sickness or death in the family which occurred at a time that has made it impossible to apply for Absentee Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: July 28, 2005

Local student is honored

The United States Achievement Academy recently rewarded students across the country for their United States National Awards. This year, Carly Ann Fabbri from Belleville received the national award in science.

Fabbri is an eighth grader at South Middle School. She is involved in various sports, the cheerleading squad, fund raisers and is an office assistant at the school. She was also awarded the Outstanding Scholar Award from South Middle School as a seventh grade student.

Fabbri was nominated for the United States National Science Award by her seventh grade science teacher.

She is the daughter of Leslie and George Fabbri.

Fabbri's biography and picture will also be published in the United States Achievement Academy yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, the United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and

appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. The criteria for selection are based on: student academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and a recommendation from a teacher or director, according to the organization.



Carly Ann Fabbri

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2005 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the August 2, 2005 Special Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2005, for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider amending the following provisions of the Ordinance (summary):

1. Repeal in its entirety *Article XIII-A CBD, Central Business District Sections 13 A. 01 through 13A. 06*
2. Creation of a new *Article XIII-A, CBOD, Central Business Overlay District* containing 3 sub areas:
 - CBD-1, Transition District
 - CBD-2, Downtown District
 - CBD-3, Five Points Districtand provide specific standards for uses, applicability, setbacks, area, and bulk requirements, site and building design within the overlay district.
3. Amend *Section 21.01, Schedule of Regulations* to delete existing provisions for the CBD and add provisions for the CBOD.

Copies of the proposed Amendments are available in their entirety during normal business hours in the Planning Office located at City Hall. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, August 15, 2005, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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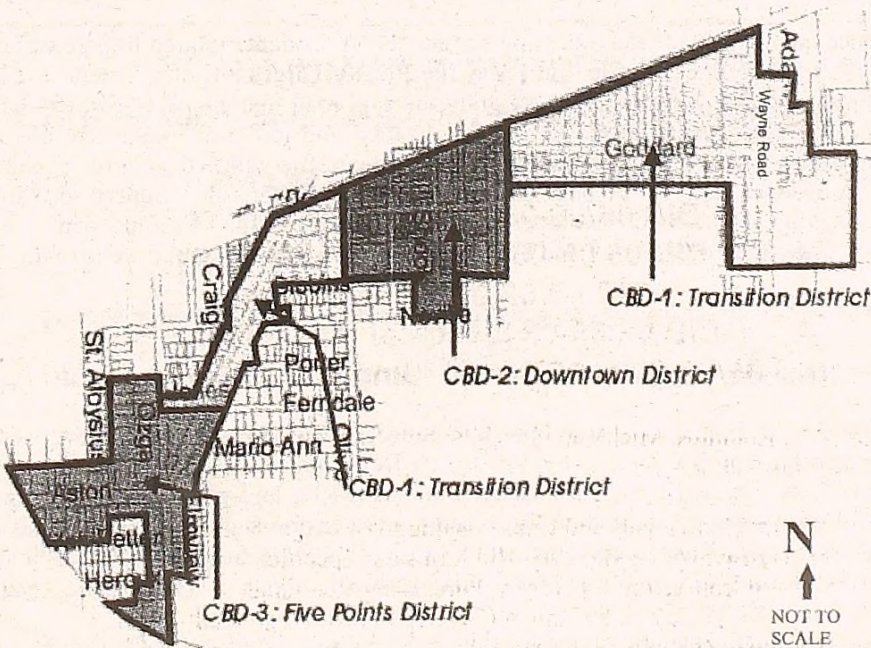
CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2005, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the City of Romulus to rezone certain properties within the City's Downtown Development Authority Boundaries to Central Business Overlay District while still maintaining their existing zoning classification underlying the new District. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

The Planning Commission has set the Public Hearing to consider applying the CBD Overlay District to the following parcels located along Goddard Road from Wayne Road to the Five-Points intersection (Grant, Goddard, Huron River Drive, Ozga) Parcel DP#'s

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CBOD, CENTRAL BUSINESS OVERLAY DISTRICT PROPOSED BOUNDARIES



NOT TO SCALE

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, August 15, 2005, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Clerk Payne. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-seven (47).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add New Business Item # 8 "Consider approval of: a) fireworks display permit (final approval granted by the State of Michigan Department of Labor, Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety) and b) providing public safety protection via an approved and executed Public Safety Agreement." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special land use request by Fifth Third Bank to construct and operate a drive-through banking facility on parcel number V125-83-064-99-0003-717. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated the applicant, Fifth Third Bank is proposing to construct and operate a 4,200 square foot bank with three drive-through teller lanes and one automatic teller (ATM) lane. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comment from the public regarding the special use approval for the drive-through lanes. The applicant's representative gave a general overview of the project stating the proposed location is in front of Wal-Mart in one of the out-lots, specifically between Tim Horton's and Applebee's. The applicant stated during the planning process some community amenities such as the continuation of the sidewalk along Belleville Road, a center landscape which includes benches and bike racks, and a cross road access from Applebee's to Fifth Third to provide a pathway for overflow parking from Applebee's has been added to the site plan.

Administrator Pugsley stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing at the May 11, 2005 meeting and at the May 25, 2005 meeting recommended the site plan approval subject to the Township's Planning Consultants, McKenna Associates site plan review letter dated May 19, 2005, which addresses the nine General Requirements of Section 18.08.f of the Zoning Ordinance that must be considered by the Township Board when reviewing requests to grant approval for Special Land Use. The findings of both the Planning Commission and McKenna Associates were that the criteria was satisfactorily addressed and recommended approval of the special land use request. Supervisor King stated the property is zoned commercial.

Board members made the following comments. Trustee Herman commended the bank stating it would blend in nicely with the current developments on Belleville Road. Trustee Hart inquired about the overflow of parking from Applebee's and if public safety issues had been addressed. Trustee Herman stated Planning Commission goal is to have as small a paved area as needed in development and to keep as much greenery as possible. Director Kelley stated the bank did not increase the size of their parking lot to achieve the overflow parking for Applebee's. This is just a convenience for customers to link the two sites together. Further, if approved tonight this site plan will go back to the Planning Commission for review. Trustee Rochowiak inquired if the bank would also have an access road to Tim Horton's parking lot. Director Kelley stated yes that is part of the design plan. Trustee Jahr stated the Township recently amended the parking requirements to try to reduce impervious surfaces and since there is a need for more parking at the Applebee's Restaurant perhaps the Planning Commission and/or staff should review the Applebee's parking situation to make sure the ordinance is in line for what is needed at these types of developments.

Audience members made the following comments. A resident inquired if there would be another traffic light installed on Belleville Road? Director Kelley stated no and that during the Wal-Mart traffic flow study the ring road that connects Farmer Jack and the Wal-Mart looked at the traffic signalization and found the placement of the current traffic light would be sufficient to handle the traffic within the entire development. A resident inquired if a bank is the best land use for this site? Supervisor King stated it is up to the land developer to decide what to build. Further, banks are allowed under the Township's Land Use Master Plan as a commercial development.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special land use request by Van Buren Development, LLC for the proposed Victoria Park Planned Residential Development (PRD) and preliminary site plan approval for the project located on 66.56 acres at the northeast corner of Ecorse Road and Morton Taylor Road, parcel numbers V125-83-007-99-0001-701, V125-83-0007-99-0003-701 and V125-83-006-99-0007-701. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated the purpose of this public hearing is to consider a Planned Residential Development (PRD) and under the Zoning Ordinance regulations requires several public hearings and approval by the Township Board. This development is also a site condominium that under the zoning ordinance also requires Township Board approval of the preliminary and final site plan and the related developmental agreements. There are two parts of this public hearing, one granting the special land use for the PRD which allows some modification to the normal design development requirements that are regulated by the zoning ordinance, and secondly to consider granting preliminary site plan approval. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 11, 2005 and at the May 25, 2005 Planning Commission meeting recommended approval of both the PRD and the preliminary condominium site plan by the Township Board with the contingency from the May 20, 2005 letter from the Township Planning Consultant's, McKenna Associates. Administrator Pugsley stated some of the attributes of this development are as fol-

lows: The site is 66.56 acres, proposed are 66 attached family units and 160 detached units. The detached units are proposed to be on two different size lots with 122 of the lots to be 50 feet wide and mostly having recessed garages. The design technique is pedestrian friendly with a number of public parks within the development. Other amenities are the paving of three quarters of a mile of Morton-Taylor Road, continuation of four hundred feet of the Greenways Plan along Ecorse Road and the reforestation of a 100 foot wide view shed along Morton-Taylor Road. Under Wayne County Roads specifications the internal roads of the development are proposed to be 24 foot wide and this is to be a traffic calming technique to slow down cars.

The applicant's representative presented the development to the Board stating the location is on the northeast corner of Morton-Taylor and Ecorse Roads and is zoned R-1B. There are 160 proposed single family detached units with 122 of those on 50 foot wide lots and 38 on at least 70 foot wide lots which are to be located next to the Homestead development. The 66 multi-family units will be located in the north end of the development. The McKinstry Drain passes through this development. A proposed 80 foot wide greenbelt along Morton-Taylor Road combined with a 35 foot setback will give 115 feet of green-area between Morton-Taylor right-of-way and the housing units. On the Ecorse Road side a proposed 200 foot wide green-area setback with the exception of one unit which would have a 191 foot setback. The streets are proposed to be concrete, with trees and streetlights throughout the development. There would be municipal water and sewer supply and five storm water basins. He further reiterated the amenities of the development. Also, the extension of a 12 inch water main from Van Born Road southward to an existing 12 inch water main and would close the water main loop. The closing of the loop would improve the water supply with higher pressure and if there is a water main break they can still have water on either side of the break. In addition, an extension of a ten inch sanitary sewer southward from Van Born Road would serve the proposed Multi-family units. At the other end of the development an extension of a 24 inch sanitary sewer westward from Jeremy to Morton-Taylor Roads would serve the single family units. Two water main stubs will be installed to the east connecting with the Homestead subdivision to close the loop. There would be two homeowner's condominium associations Victoria Park for Multi-family and Victoria Estates for the single-family units. The front of the units would be 50 percent brick and the square footage would be between 1,900 and 2,700. Administrator Pugsley stated the nine conditions in the zoning ordinance identifies these factors and has found that they all have been addressed and meets the criteria for consideration to grant the special use approval.

Board members made the following comments. Trustee Hart inquired if the applicant knew about the PRD agreements when they first came before the township staff and has the look of the plan changed? The applicant stated yes, they knew about the PRD and the plan has remained similar. Director Kelley clarified this is the third or fourth company to present a site plan application for this site to the township. It is correct the original plan showed similar lots, although the road network was a little different. The most discussed part of the plan was the architecture of the site. The look of units is different than any that are currently in the township. Also, noting the applicant is not asking for a home density bonus. Trustee Hart asked for the applicant to describe the twelveplex multi-family units? The applicant stated they are building the twelveplex development across the street at River Park the units range from 1,250 feet to 1,800 feet and are stacked ranches. There are six different types of units. Director Kelley stated design is not apartment style and it makes the first and second floors less obvious from the curb. Trustee Herman stated this is not a typical subdivision and has a completely different product. Supervisor King inquired if the current product they are building at River Park were selling and the applicant stated there has been about 25 units sold since the model was open in April. Trustee Hart inquired about the changes made for fire vehicles. Director Kelley stated the significant changes were where the roads intersect at 90 degrees there would be no parking on either side of the street to allow for the fire vehicle to make the turn easily. Trustee Hart voice his concerns about the PRD in general. Supervisor King stated the Public Safety Department is involved in the site plan review process. Also, with respect to looping water-lines the township has been working towards this in other areas of the township.

Supervisor King read and addressed the following concerns voiced in a fax from a resident regarding this public hearing. 1) Density of homes? The proposed is for 266 home sites on 66.56 acres of land. 2) Price range and types of homes to be built? Not know at this time. 3) Is there a requirement to pave Morton-Taylor Road? Yes. Where will the egress/ingress to the development be located? One entrance would be located off of Ecorse Road and three off of Morton-Taylor Road. 4) Ability of the McKinstry Drain to carry away extra runoff from hard surfaces. What assurances do we have that water will not back up on our property? All developments are required to maintain storm water runoff on there property and at the final site plan approval stage of the project the engineering study details this information. 5) Are any additional storm drains and/or sewers required? There would be a connection to the sanitary sewer and there are no additional storm drains. There would be five storm water basins to be constructed on the site along with a storm water maintenance agreement. 6) If approved, what approximate start/finish dates for this development? Spring of 2006 would be the start date providing all is approved. Director Kelley stated there is still another round of reviews by the Planning Commission and the Township Board if this PRD is approved.

Residents of the Homestead subdivision made the following comments. Will the tree lines remain? What will be done about recent flooding of the McKinstry Drain? Director Kelley stated the trees shown on the drawing would stay; however, the applicant can not guarantee trees that are not his property. The McKinstry Drain problem was due to the storm water basin pump not being maintained by the Homestead Developer and the fix was to create a bermed area to protect the homes and the drain from flooding. A resident inquired what is the special use of this request? Director Kelley stated the PRD still follows the regulations and guidelines of the zoning ordinance but allows the township to modify some of the requirements if the development demonstrates community benefits. In this case the major benefit is the architecture design which is unique to the Township. The applicant has met all the marks to receive bonus houses; but, the applicant has not requested additional houses. The applicant has requested smaller lot sizes to fit the constraints of the development. Will the water supply and sanitation be affected during the construction process? There will be no impact to the water supply and sanitary sewer service in the Homestead. Will there be a boundary between the two subdivisions and what will be done with the debris and dust during the construction? Director Kelley stated there will not be a visible boundary and the Township has ordinances to enforce the con-

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struction issues. Will the landscaping be similar to the Homestead Subdivision? Director Kelley stated it would not match because the PRD requirements are for a larger view sheds. Could the Township require a buffer zone or landscaping berm between the two developments? Director Kelley stated the Township ordinance does not allow for this type of request; but, staff will discuss this with the developer. Where will the garage locations be in the back yards? Will the homeowner association rules regulate what homeowners can put in their back yards? Director Kelley stated you will not see a garage door from the backyard. The by-laws and rules will probably be similar to the Homestead; however, they have not come before the Board yet.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the special land use request by Michigan Avenue Fuel to construct and operate a gas station/convenience store with a fast food restaurant with a drive-through pickup window and a three (3) bay oil change facility in a separate detached building on parcel numbers V125-83-022-99-0010-000 and V125-83-022-99-0011-000. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated the property is 3.82 acres on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Rawsonville Road. The proposed is to construct and operate an 11,271 square foot retail strip center, a 4,162 square foot gas station\mini mart plaza with a fast food restaurant with a drive through window, and a 1,733 square foot three (3) bay oil change facility. The property is zoned C-1, General Business District. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 11, 2005. A recommendation to approve was made at the Planning Commissions May 25, 2005 subject to the four conditions of the Townships Planning Consultant's May 20, 2005 review letter. The Zoning Ordinance requires consideration by the Township Board when reviewing requests to grant approval for Special Land Use. Also, the conditions of an additional memo from Administrator Puglse and Director Kelley that contains eight additional items be added to the site plan.

The applicant gave a brief presentation of the development and stated he has been and is willing to make the changes requested by the Township to the project and believes all items have been addressed. Supervisor Kelley read the memo from Administration Puglse and Director Kelley as follows. On sheet C-5 of the site plan in the note box these items will be added. 1) Debris will be cleared from property weekly or as needed as may be determined by the Township on a continuing basis. 2) A responsible person(s) will always be on site during hours of operation to police, clean and keep free from odors and vermin the dumpster and the dumpster enclosure. 3) A raised earthen berm of 2 to 3 feet in height will be constructed and planted in the yard and landscaped area south and east of the proposed plaza building and extending to the detention pond. Additional trees, similar to those to be used on the site with a minimum height of 7 to 8 feet will be added to this yard and landscaped area in a density and planting scheme similar to those shown on sheet C-5. 4) A minimum of three species of evergreen trees will be planted on this berm area to include Douglas Fir, Austrian Pine and White Spruce. 5) The location of the reader/menu board and the audio speaker will be installed in such a fashion to direct noise away from the residential homes to the east and south. 6) The storm water maintenance agreement between the Township and property owner shall include maintenance schedule every 90 days for the inspection and cleaning of the mechanical unit serving the on-site storm water management system at the responsible and expense of the property owner. 7) The hours of operation of the oil change shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends. 8) The hours of operation of the drive-through window at the restaurant shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Also subject to the 4 conditions identified in McKenna Associates review letter dated May 20, 2005. The applicant is in agreement to these conditions.

Residents of Michigan Avenue and Rawsonville Road area made the following comments. A resident questioned the height of the berm shielding the dumpster area. What would the hours of construction be? Director Kelley stated from dawn to dusk. Will there be an added lane or a traffic light? Director Kelley stated no light has been planned. The road is regulated by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and will follow MDOT requirements. Is there any proposal to have no parking signs on Old Michigan Avenue? Director Kelley stated Old Michigan Avenue is a Wayne County Road and would need to check with Wayne County. What does the applicant have to do before the project is able to begin? Director Kelley stated if this is approved tonight there is still final site plan approval process from the Planning Commission and would need to obtain all necessary permits. Also, the applicant may begin the clean up of the area for public safety reasons sooner. Several residents stated they would like to see the request for the drive-through window of the restaurant be denied.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of July 5, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2005 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of thanks to the Public Safety Department from a resident for the Fire Department's assistance during a house fire in June.

A notice from the Water and Sewer Department stating the Township is under voluntary outdoor water use restrictions. Beginning immediately through September addresses ending in an odd number should do outdoor watering only on odd numbered days and those with even addresses numbers should use water outdoors on even numbered days. Customers should also limit or avoid outdoor water use during peak times from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Lastly, people utilizing underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5:00 a.m., and adhere to the odd/even days.

Walk Michigan will be held every Wednesday until August 10th at Quirk Park and at the Lower Huron Metro Park, walk up to three miles every Wednesday to receive a ticket for a drawing to possibly win a trip to Mackinaw Island over the Labor Day Weekend.

Director Champagne thanked the Public Safety Department and the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work during several incidents over the Fourth of July weekend. Also, the Public Safety Department is working with the residents of the Michigan Avenue and Rawsonville Road area regarding public safety issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the special use request by Fifth Third Bank to construct and operate a drive-through banking facility on a parcel of land known as V125-83-064-99-0003-717, approximately 1.16 acres in area, per the facts and findings of the Planning Commission and the Planning Consultant's letters dated May 19, 2005. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the special approval use for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) requested by Van Buren Development L.L.C., and approves the preliminary site plan for the Victoria Park Site Condominium PRD subject to the items and recommendations in the Planning Commission's May 25, 2005 meeting minutes, McKenna & Associates letter dated May 20, 2005 and Wade-Trim letter dated May 19, 2005; and subject to the following conditions: 1) The review of the bylaws and master deed by the Township Attorney. 2) A Development agreement prepared and reviewed by the Township Attorney and submitted with plans and related documents for consideration of final site plan approval by the Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Herman, Hart, Budd and King. Nays: Rochowiak and Jahr. Absent and Excused: Payne. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the special land use application by Michigan Avenue Fuel to construct and operate a gas station/convenience store with a fast food restaurant with a drive-through pickup window and a three (3) bay oil change facility in a separate detached building on parcel numbers V125-83-022-99-0010-000 and V125-83-022-99-0011-000; subject to the eight (8) conditions to be incorporated into the site plan identified in Administrator Pugsley and Director Kelley's memo dated July 19, 2005 and the four (4) conditions identified in McKenna Associates review letter dated May 20, 2005 which includes the requirement for final site plan approval. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 07-19-05 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone parcel of land known as V125-83-038-99-0042-000 from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business). Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 07-19-05 follows the minutes. A copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Treasurer's request to extend without penalty the collection of the 2005 summer taxes through Friday, September 30, 2005. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the request by the Fire Department to request bids for a one-hundred foot (100') aerial platform utilizing the specifications developed by the Fire Department. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the request to fill a vacant police officer position. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the request the of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts in their endeavor to seek a fireworks display permit from the State of Michigan conditioned upon the approval of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the use of their Rawsonville Road boat launch with proof of DNR approval being submitted to the township, along with a copy of the Council's State-approved LCC license and an FAA determination on the fireworks display, all being submitted along with a Resolution from the Arts Council verifying the Council's support for this event prior to August 4, 2005; and further, the Board approve, contingent upon legal review, the Public Safety Service Agreement and to authorize execution of same by the Supervisor and Clerk and with the understanding the township shall not incur any costs associated with this event. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the July 19, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Board of Trustee Meeting of August 2, 2005 will be cancelled due to the Special Election for the Waynie County Parks Millage Renewal. Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and absentee ballots are available and ballots are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office. Contact the Clerk's Office at 699.8909 for additional information.

The Recreation Department is offering the following events. The Sizzling Summer Nights Concert Series at Van Buren Park will continue on Friday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Also, the Van Buren Recreation Department and the Belleville Parks Commission proudly present a Detroit Tigers baseball trip on Friday on Friday, August 19, 2005. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 10:47 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk	Cindy C. King Township Supervisor
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1. Obituaries

HUBBARD, Bafton Varnell "Barney", longtime resident of Wayne. Passed away July 10, 2005. Beloved father of Stephen, Michael (Sharon), and Carolyn (Leonard) Barks. Grandfather of two and great-grandfather of eight. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 21 at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Donations may be made to Arbor Hospice or the Salvation Army.

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59. Auctions

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1993 Dodge StaWgn 2B4HB25Y0PK510801

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1987 Buick 4 Dr 1G4CW5131H1459752

1992 Chrysler 4 Dr 1C3XV56L9ND800332

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1993 Pontiac 4 Dr 1G2HX53L1P1291263

1994 Mercury StaWgn 4M2DV11W8RDJ22763

1993 Ford StaWgn 1FMDU34X3PUA26363

1995 GMC StaWgn 1GKCT18W5S2515154

1991 Buick 4 Dr 1G4HR54C1MH451354

1988 Mercury 4 Dr 2MEBM74F1JX619244

1987 Porsche 2 Dr WPOAA295XHN152765

1992 Ford 4 Dr 1FAPP36X0NK149705

1996 Dodge 4 Dr 1B3ES27C0TD539325

1997 Chevrolet 4 Dr 1G1JF5240V7288285

1988 Chevrolet PU 2GCDK14K8J1307015

1992 Cadillac 4 Dr 1G6CD53B5N4307405

1979 Chevrolet Van space res'd

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On AUGUST 2, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Moped SM MC Purple XY1P39FMB04102181

1990 Chevrolet Lumina 2 Dr Gray 2G1WN14T7L9236475

1985 Olds Cutlass 2 Dr Blue 1G3GM47Y9FR309427

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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60. Misc. Sales

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Alum Sheet	\$0.33	Mixed Clips	\$0.40
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